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## ***Juba Bi-Weekly Price Watch – May 2016, Week 2***

### **Market Highlights**

- Prices of most food commodities in Juba increased slightly in the second week of May compared to the previous week except white sorghum feterita (grain) and Beans (Janjaro), which jumped by 30% and 22% respectively. This is a result of the official currency devaluation policy since mid-December 2015 and increased dependency of markets by consumers in order to fill the food gap at the household level considering May as a lean season in the Central Equatorial region.
- Although the prices of most commodities have either slowed down or remained stable in the recent weeks, they are still significantly high when compared with three months ago, same month last year as well as with the four year average.
- The cost of living (measured by the Cost of Minimum Expenditure Basket (CMEB)) increased in May compared to the already high level of April 2016, after seven months to the peak devaluation (December 2015). At SSP 3,671.10, the CMEB is nearly four times its level in May 2015 and about six times the level two years ago. The increased CMEB in the second week of May, 2016 is in line with food price trends.
- Due to the lean season food prices are volatile and projected to be significantly higher, inflating the cost of living at least up to the next harvests starting in August on account of lower harvest in the Central Equatorial region, tighter regional food markets, insecurity, disrupted trade flows, increased cost of imports and dollar shortages.

		May 2016 Week 2 price % change from:					
County/Market	Unit	Week 2, May. 16	Previous week	Previous month	3 months before	Previous year	4-year average
<b>Juba/Custom, Nyakuron and Gudele</b>							
White sorghum (feterita) grain	Malwa (3.5Kg)	113	30%	18%	64%	232%	565%
White maize grain	Malwa (3.5Kg)	77	1%	-11%	22%	103%	267%
White wheat flour	1Kg	36	6%	-14%	0%	64%	260%
Beans (Janjaro)	1Kg	44	22%	-6%	13%	144%	193%
Vegetable Oil	1litre	42	0%	-28%	-9%	91%	200%
Rice	1Kg	33	3%	0%	10%	175%	313%
Sugar	1Kg	35	3%	-5%	0%	169%	338%
Maize flour	1Kg	34	6%	6%	13%	209%	325%
Sorghum flour	1Kg	35	6%	6%	35%	119%	338%

+/-5% stable ↑increase ↓decrease

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## The Cost of Minimum Expenditure Basket (CMEB)

### Cost of Minimum Basket Expenditure

State: Central Equatoria



The CMEB outlines the minimum items needed for survival of a household for one month. It was derived using data from the National Baseline Household Survey (2009) which provides dis-aggregated rural/urban data on household food and non-food consumption. The basket comprises the basic energy food requirements of 2,100 kilocalories per person per day, fuel for cooking and lighting and other non-food items like clothing, housing, water etc.